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SUBJ: MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES FROM HONG KONG TO MACAU

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1. DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS) IN MACAU VISITED CONGEN AUGUST 8 AND REPORTED THAT HE OBTAINED AGREEMENT FROM LCIRECTOR OF COMPANY WHICH OPERATES HONG KONG-MACAU FERRIES TO TRANSPORT REFUGEES WITHOUT CHARGE. HONG KONG GOVT ALSO AGREED AT HIS REQUEST TO WAIVE DEPARTURE TAX. HE TOLD UNHCR REF CARPENTER THAT MACAU WAS PREPARED RECEIVE UP TO 250 REFUGEES FROM HONG KONG NEXT WEEK, BUT CARPENTER STATED IT WOULD BE BETTER TO KEEP FIRST GROUP TO THE 122 ORIGINALLY SELECTED. THIS GROUP WILL BE MOVED TO MACAU MIDDLE NEXT WEEK IF CARPENTER MAKES NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.

2. ON COSTS, CRS DIRECTOR SAID THAT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO MALAYSIA UNHCR REP SAMPATKUMAR ASKED THAT DAILY CARE AND MAINTENANCE FIGURES BE REDUCED FROM \$5. CRS WAS PREPARED  
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TO REDUCE DAILY CHARGE TO \$2.50, BUT SAMPATKUMAR FELT THAT \$3 WAS ACCEPTABLE. CRS DIRECTOR SAID THAT COST CAN BE FURTHER REDUCED AND TOLD US THAT WHEN 600 REFUGEES ARE IN MACAU THROUGH DIRECT ARRIVALS AND TRANSFERS FROM HONG KONG, HE BELIEVES THAT DAILY CARE AND MAINTENANCE COST CAN BE REDUCED TO \$2 OR LESS.

3. WHEN CARPENTER'S RELUCTANCE TO MOVE CAT IV REFUGEES TO MACAU WAS MENTIONED TO CRS DIRECTOR, HE SAID THAT THREE TO SIX MONTH TIME PERIOD WAS ONLY APPROXIMATE AND HE SAW NO PROBLEM WITH CAT IV REFUGEES REMAINING LONGER IF OTHERS (CATS I THROUGH III) WOULD BE MOVED OUT IN REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME. HE SAID AS LONG AS SOME MOVEMENT CAN BE SHOWN, MACAU GOVT WOULD NOT HAVE PROBLEM WITH CAT. IV REFUGEES REMAINING LONGER THAN SIX MONTHS.

4. COMMENT: CARPENTER IS TAKING A MORE NARROW AND LEGALISTIC VIEW OF MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES TO MACAU THAN IS CRS DIRECTOR. HE IS ALSO MOVING MORE SLOWLY ON MACAU TRANSFER THAN WE BELIEVE NECESSARY. IN MEANTIME, HE IS CONTINUING TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL REFUGEE ACCOMMODATIONS IN HONG KONG THROUGH MANAGER OF MAYFAIR HOTEL, WH HAS ASSUMED ROLE IN REFUGEE WORK HERE THROUGH TRANSPORTING DIRECT ARRIVALS TO HIS STRING OF REFUGEE HOTELS, ARRANGING FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR SICK REFUGEES AND OTHER MUNDANE BUT NECESSARY MATTERS. THERE IS BUILT-IN CONFLICT IN THIS SITUATION SINCE MAYFAIR MANAGER WILL BE RELUCTANT TO HAVE SOME OF HIS BUSINESS BE MOVED TO MACAU. CARPENTER HAS TOLD US HE BELIEVES THERE IS NOT THAT MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MACAU AT \$3 DAILY AND HONG KONG IF HE CAN CONTINUE OBTAIN NEW ACCOMMODATION SITES AT \$5 DAILY. HE ACCEPTED CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND SITE MENTIONED DURING ORM LOWMAN VISIT HERE AND IS NOW CONSIDERING EMPTY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUILDING IN KOWLOON WHICH HE WOULD ASK VOLUNTARY AGENCY TO OPERATE. WE SUSPECT THAT CARPENTER WILL MOVE SLOWLY ON MACAU AND WILL CONCENTRATE HIS EFFORTS ON TRYING TO REDUCE CARE AND MAINTENANCE COSTS IN HONG KONG TO AVERAGE SOMEWHAT BELOW PRESENT \$7 DAILY. SHOESMITH

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